

Which was read, and the nominations therein contained, were advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Finley, the Senator from Escambia was excused after Tuesday next, for the balance of the session.

On motion of Mr. Snell, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 4th, 1853.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Asay officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Mr. Moseley offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, it has been intimated that Ex-Gov. William D. Moseley did not act properly in not receiving into service, in the year 1849, certain companies commanded by Captains Sparkman and Parker and others, organized for the protection of the frontier against the depredations of the Indians : *And whereas*, at the time said companies were reported as having been organized, information had been received that they would not be received into the service of the United States : *And whereas*, Ex-Gov. Moseley, upon receiving information of the depredations of the Indians, in the year 1849, had ordered several volunteer companies to proceed to the frontier for its protection, because of the want of organization of the militia in the immediate vicinity of the outbreak : *And whereas*, the means of the State were limited and, in the absence of any appropriation for that purpose, provisions were procured for such troops as were ordered out on the personal responsibility of Gov. Moseley : *And whereas*, the said companies, commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others, could not be provisioned for the want of means to procure the necessary supplies : therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the conduct of Ex-Gov. Moseley in respect of said companies commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others, and also his conduct with respect to the Indian outbreak, in 1849, meets with the unqualified approval of the General Assembly, and that no blame can properly and rightfully attach to him by reason of his failure to receive into service, or recognize the said companies commanded by Captains Sparkman, Parker and others.

Which was read, and upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Provence and Moseley, and were :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell, and Wynn—14.

NAYS—None.

So the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Provence offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, satisfactory information has been given that Gen. Blake, Special Agent, has abandoned the attempt to remove the Indians, and *whereas*, it appears that they do not intend peaceably to emigrate—and *whereas*, their longer continuance in Florida will be attended with serious mischief to the interests of the State,

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representative be requested to use their influence with the General Government in procuring the speedy removal of the Seminoles.

Be it further resolved, That they be requested to use their influence to secure immediately such an appropriation of money as may be necessary for the said undertaking.

Be it further resolved, That they be requested to use their influence to induce the General Government to receive into service, two regiments of Florida mounted volunteers, at Ocala, to be used in the removal of said Indians.

Which was read a first time and ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Gillis offered the following resolution :

Preamble and Resolution relative to Yellow River.

WHEREAS, a great portion of the citizens of Walton and Santa Rosa Counties, are laboring under great disadvantages, and serious injuries have and will result to the interest of the State, as well as the interests of commerce, and the citizens of that portion of the country, for want of obstructions being removed in Yellow River :

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representative requested to use their utmost endeavors to obtain from the Congress of the United States at its present session, an appropriation of five thousand dollars, to remove the obstructions in the navigation of Yellow River, to commence at the Alabama line, and follow said river down to its entrance in the Bay.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be, and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Which was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. Blackburn from the Committee on the Militia, made the following report :

The Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency, Governor Brown, of the 29th December last, and the report of B. Hopkins of the 15th December, accompanied by the muster-roll of the militia in service on the Indian frontier during a portion of the last year, have had the same under consideration and, after a careful examination, ask leave to report :

That we find no law or authority for the appointment of a Special

Indian Agent by the Governor; yet, as the appointment has been made and services rendered under that appointment, your Committee feel bound, in good faith, to recommend that he be paid; and as the services rendered by the Special Agent were intended to be of a civil and not of a military character, the Committee recommend the payment of staff-officers as first lieutenants, not because the number of men in service require it or would justify their rank, but because the Committee believe the service has been performed in good faith. Your Committee recommend that Aaron Jernigan, Isaac Jernigan, John R. Hogans, Needham Yates, Patrick H. Towle and Henry B. Goode, be paid according to their respective rank on the muster-roll, and that the private soldiers receive the same pay and allowances for the time they were in actual service as similar troops in the United States' service are entitled to. For this purpose your Committee beg leave to offer the following joint resolutions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. E. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

Joint Resolutions authorizing the Comptroller to audit and pay B. Hopkins and others, for their services in defending the frontier, in 1852.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, that the Comptroller of this State be, and he is hereby, directed to audit and allow B. Hopkins one hundred and fifty dollars per month, while in actual service as Special Indian Agent, and to audit and allow Oscar Hart, Arthur Ginn, Thomas W. Jones, John L. Hopkins and Algernon S. Spear, the pay and allowances of first lieutenants while in actual service, and to issue his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

Be it further resolved, That the Comptroller audit and allow to Capt. Aaron Jernigan, and his officers and privates, the same pay and allowances, for the time they were in actual service, as similar troops in the United States' service are entitled to, and to issue Treasury warrants therefor.

Be it further resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the said warrants out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Which was received and read, and the resolution placed among the orders of the day:

Mr. Johnson made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to secure the Swamp and Overflowed lands lately granted to the State, and for other purposes, have considered the same,

And report the bill back to the Senate without amendment, and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN G. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Buddington from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of William R. Hayward, have had the same under consideration, and after a careful attention bestowed upon the same, through their chairman, they ask leave to report:

That from all the evidence afforded us, we recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

O. BUDDINGTON,
Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John Clarke, having had the same under consideration, instruct the undersigned, to report the same without amendment, and to recommend its passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. BUDDINGTON,
Chairman.

Which reports were read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Blackburn made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred divers bills to change the names of certain persons in this State, beg leave to report,

The following bill, in which is consolidated twelve of the original House bills, which is in lieu of said bills. We recommend that all but the enacting clause of said bills be stricken out, that the consolidated bill here reported be adopted in lieu thereof. We report three other bills back without amendment: as they propose to change the names of certain persons, and to legitimate the same. we deem it improper to connect them with the twelve bills aforesaid. All of which is respectfully submitted, and we ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

E. E. BLACKBURN,
Chairman Select Committee.

Which was read, and the bill reported, placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the His Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
January 3d, 1853. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD, President of the Senate :

Sir,—I nominate A. W. Nicholson, of the Town of Warrington, for auctioneer, for the County of Escambia.

Also, J. R. Lovett, for auctioneer, for the County of Holmes.

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read and the nomination of auctioneer for the County of Holmes, was advised and consented to.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 3, 1853. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House have appointed Messrs. Tumblin, Rousseau and Helvenston a Committee of Conference on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate on a House bill to be entitled an act to regulate the rates of Wharfage, Storage, and Weighing of Goods, at the town of Palatka.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 3, 1853. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir—The House have passed the following bills :

Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent Fire Hunting in the county of St. Johns ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws now in force relating to Mortgages ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to alter and amend the fourteenth and twenty-third clauses of the third article, and the thirteenth and sixteenth clauses of the fifth article of the Constitution of this State.

Also, without amendment :

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to fix permanently the election precincts in the county of Columbia, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned ;

Senate bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of the southwestern portion of Gadsden county ;

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to provide for the final removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida beyond the limits of the State, approved January 20, 1851.

Also, with amendments, therein enclosed :

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the penal statutes in reference to Gaming ; in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

The House have concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills :

Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Joseph T. Phelps to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee river ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for legal proceedings against corporations and persons claiming exclusive privileges by public grants, who have incurred forfeiture by *non user* ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to organize the county of Sumpter ;

Bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the compilation and publication of Thompson's Collection of the British Statutes of force in this State.

The House refuses to concur in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled An Act to define more particularly the county lines of Calhoun county.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 4, 1853. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir,—The House have passed the following Bills and Resolution, viz :—

Bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of meeting of the General Assembly in this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal so much of an act to provide for the opening of a road from Miami, in Dade county, to Indian river, in St. Lucie county ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the city of Apalachicola to build Wharves, and for other purposes ;

Resolution asking Congress for the grant of a quarter section of land to the county of Sumpter.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Finley, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed :

Resolution asking the passage of a law by the Congress of the U. S., legalizing the sale of 16 sections, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for contesting the validity of wills in the Circuit Courts of this State.

An Act to amend the several acts concerning licenses to retail spirituous liquors.

And also, An Act to provide for the payment pro rata, of the debts of insolvent estates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

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Resolution asking the passage of a law by the Congress of the United States, legalizing the sale of 16th sections, and for other purposes.

Was read a third time.

And upon the question of its adoption the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Floyd and Snell, and were :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for contesting the validity of wills in the Circuit Courts of this State.

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—12.

NAYS—Mr. Gillis,—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution for the relief of Azor Umstead,

Was read a third time and adopted.

A bill for the relief of John Clarke,

Was read a second time, the rule waived, read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Provence, Smith and Wynn—13.

NAYS—Mr. President—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A Committee from the House, informed the Senate that the House was now ready to go on with the election for Judge of the Eastern Circuit.

When on motion, the Senate reconsidered the decision made on

a former day in regard to the election for Judge of the Eastern Circuit,

And a committee appointed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate would now proceed with a third balloting for the purpose of placing itself in regular order with the House of Representatives.

The Committee returned and reported the duty had been performed,

The Senate proceeded to a third voting, which resulted as follows :

FOR FORWARD—Messrs. Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—6.

FOR DOUGLAS—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—5.

FOR PEADEN—Mr. Provence—1.

FOR BLANK—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin and Blackburn,—3.

A Committee was appointed to inform the House of the result of the third voting.

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a fourth voting, which was as follows :

FOR FORWARD—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Finley, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—10.

FOR DOUGLAS—Messrs. Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis and Smith—4.

FOR BLANK—Mr. Provence—1.

Result in the House.

FOR FORWARD—26. FOR DOUGLAS—3. FOR BLANK—5.

Whereupon the President declared that William A. Forward, having received the constitutional majority, was duly elected Judge of the Eastern Circuit.

A bill to be entitled An Act for establishing the office of State Engineer and Geologist,

Was read a second time and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Internal Improvements, were adopted.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the several acts concerning licenses to retail spirituous liquors,

Was read a third time,

And on the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Smith and Snell—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Kilcrease, Moseley, Provence and Wynn—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, the nomination for Auctioneer of Escambia County, made this morning by His Excellency, the Governor, was advised and consented to.

Resolution to authorize the Comptroller to purchase maps of the United States,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Long from the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report, to wit:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal the following acts, to wit: an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11, 1851; also, an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 24, 1851," have considered the same, and a majority of said Committee have instructed the undersigned to recommend that said bill do not pass. The Committee are of opinion that a separate Supreme Court is preferable to the system of constituting Circuit Judges of the Supreme Court, for many reasons, sanctioned by experience and observation, unnecessary here to be enumerated. They are also persuaded that said Court has been too short a time established to enable the people of the State to form an enlightened opinion of the comparative value of said Court, and that it is premature, at this time, to consider the subject. By the next General Assembly the Legislature and the people of the State will be better able to judge of the value of a separate Supreme Court, and therefore the Committee recommend that said bill do not pass at the present session of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved, January 8, 1848,

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolution requesting the Governor of this State, to cause the State Engineer to examine and report the cost and practicability of connecting the St. Johns and Indian rivers by a navigable canal,

Was read a third time and passed.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to secure the swamp and overflowed lands, lately granted to this State, and for other purposes,

Came up, when on motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon said bill, Mr. Smith in the Chair;

After sometime spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate with amendments, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Which report was concurred in, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Wm. R. Hayward,

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Long, Provence, Smith and Wynn—10.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Kilcrease and Moseley—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act to alter and amend the 14th and 23d clauses of the 3d article and the 13th and 16th clauses of the 5th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bills have examined the following enrolled bills and resolutions, and find them correctly enrolled:

A resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present Session;

A resolution asking an appropriation from Congress for erecting a Marine Hospital at Apalachicola;

A resolution in relation to Capt. William H. Payne's Company;

A resolution in relation to a light-house on Sea Horse Key;

A resolution in relation to the term of office of the Governor elect;

Also,

An Act for the relief of Thomas B. Wynn;

An Act to empower John Johnson of Gadsden County to manage his own estate;

An Act to fix definitely the fees of Judge of Probate for the County of Columbia in a certain case therein specified;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of cattle shipped from the State of Florida, approved, 6th January, 1849;

An Act to repeal an act to require purchasers of State lands to make payment therefor to the Treasurer of the State, and for other purposes;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act giving to the Judge of Probate of Escambia and Hamilton Counties the power of Justice of the Peace in certain cases;

An Act to amend the law granting pre-emption right to settlers on State lands;

An Act amendatory to an act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the city of Apalachicola; And

An Act to prevent the trading with the Indians in this State.

M. A. LONG, Chairman

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws now in force relating to Mortgages,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An Act to prevent fire-hunting in the County of St. Johns,

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to repeal so much of an act to provide for the opening of a road from Miami, in Dade county, to Indian river, in St. Lucie county,

Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to change the time of meeting of the General Assembly in this State,

Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the names of divers persons therein named,

Was read a first time, the rule waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—Mr. Provence—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the City of Apalachicola to build wharves and for other purposes,

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution asking Congress the grant of a quarter section of land, to the county of Sumpter,

Was read a first time and ordered for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal the following acts to wit : An Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida ; also An Act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 24, 1851,

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Oliver Price to that of Oliver Delk, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—15.

NAYS—0.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Victoria Baty to that of Victoria Bellows, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—14.

NAYS—Mr. President—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change the name of Terence Levy to Terence Wimberly, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—15.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met and proceeded with the business.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act for the incorporation of Plank Road Companies, approved, January 24, 1851,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Forsyth, Gillis, Kilcrease, Long, Smith, Snell and Wynn—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Johnson and Moseley—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment *pro rata* of Insolvent Estates,

Was read a third time and on the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—12.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, To be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to change and modify the penal statutes in reference to gaming,

Came up with the amendments made by the House of Representatives,

When the Senate refused to concur in the amendments.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed bills, have examined and find correctly engrossed :

An Act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of banking.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG, Chairman pro tem.
Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Kilcrease, the rule was waived, and he permitted to change his vote on a bill to be entitled An Act to amend the several acts concerning Licences to retail Spirituous Liquors.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1853.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Asay officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Senate appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Forsyth, Snell and Long, to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, in preparing a bill to defray the expenses of the present General Assembly.

Mr. Snell made the following report :

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Governor's message and the accompanying letter of General Luther Blake, respecting the Seminole Indians, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave unanimously to report :

That the subject is one of vital importance to the inhabitants of Florida, demanding the special consideration of the present legislature, and immediate action thereon. Your Committee deem it unnecessary to recapitulate the reasons that have influenced them in the conclusions here reported. They recommend a law to be passed authorizing the Governor to raise a volunteer force of at least two regiments of mounted men, to be placed on the frontier settlements,

giving preference to companies raised on the frontiers, and that he be authorized to tender them to the President of the United States to be used against the Indians, if the General Government should deem it expedient to remove said Indians by force, and if within sixty days from the passage of said law, the Governor has not satisfactory evidence that the President intends to remove them by force, he is to be authorized to send said troops into the nation and to prosecute the removal of said Indians. Your Committee would have reported a bill, but knowing that a bill embracing the provisions recommended by the Committee, is now under consideration in the other branch of the legislature, they deem it unnecessary to report a bill to the Senate, while one containing their views were pending in the other house.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. V. SNELL,
Chairman.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 4, 1853. }

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir,—The following bills have passed the House, viz :

Bill to be entitled An Act amendatory of the election laws of this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act relating to the distribution of the laws of this State ;

Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of William W. Leggett, George W. Andrews and Ashley Braswell.

Respectfully,

JOHN DICK.

Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following Message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
January 5, 1853. }

To the Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I make the following nominations, viz :

H. F. Ingraham, Chester P. Knapp, Manuel Palmes, Wm. B. Davis and John Campbell, for Port Wardens for the port of Pensacola, in the county of Escambia.

William J. Sansom and James H. Parker, for Auctioneers for Calhoun county.

Also John G. Smith, Auctioneer for Gadsden county.

Respectfully,

THOS. BROWN.